

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Burton Amernick on March 10, 2010.

In the claims:

Claim 19, Line 1: the number "6" is deleted and replaced with --9--.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-5 and 7-21 (renumbered 1-20) are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the closest prior art of record is Hashimura (US 2002/0033557). Hashimura is directed to a tire laminate comprised of (a) an innerliner formed of a thermoplastic material and (b) an adhesive composition having a thickness between 1 and 100 microns (Paragraph 34). One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention, however, would not have found it obvious to form said adhesive composition in accordance to the claimed invention. In particular, the prior art references of record fail to suggest, disclose, or teach an adhesive composition including a first terpene resin and a second aromatically modified terpene resin in a ratio between 70:30 and 50:50, wherein said adhesive has a self tack less than 5 N and a tack to an unvulcanized diene based rubber between 10.1 N and 20 N.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Justin R. Fischer** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-1215**. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30-4:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Crispino can be reached on (571) 272-1226. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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